

## COMMERCIAL.

**Monetary.**  
In money circles here, there is still a decided stringency, borrowers being numerous, and the supply of capital limited. Loud complaints of the tardiness with which remittances from the country come in, continue, and this slothfulness is the main cause of the scarcity of money here now, while in the Northern cities it is so abundant. In New York, money is quoted more abundant than at any time since January last, and on call, at 5 per cent. while good paper is in demand, prices of money being done at 6 per cent. and the tendency is to a further decline in rate. In Baltimore, capital, both on the street and at bank, continues plenty, and good paper is wanted by the money lenders. The rates for first class paper are steady at 6 1/2 per cent. There is but little inquiry for short call loans.

Stocks.—There has been no material change in prices during the past fortnight. State securities are still selling at 92 1/2 and int., and Richmond City at 94 1/2 and int. Other securities as far as indicated by sales, also remain at former rates, except Farmers' Bank Stock, which is higher.

**PRICES OF PRODUCE IN ALEXANDRIA.**  
FROM CARS, VESSELS, AND WAGONS, (YESTERDAY.)  
Flour, Super, 47 1/2 @ 50 00  
Do Extra, 47 1/2 @ 50 00  
Do Family, 47 1/2 @ 50 00  
Wheat, White, 1 56 @ 1 60  
Do Red, 1 56 @ 1 50  
Corn, White, 80 @ 82  
Do Mixed, 78 @ 80  
Do Yellow, 78 @ 80  
Corn Meal, 1/2 bushel, 0 75 @ 0 80  
Oats, 0 40 @ 0 45  
Rye, 0 82 @ 0 85  
Dried Apples, 0 75 @ 1 00  
Dried Potatoes, 0 75 @ 1 00  
Clover Seed, (retail), 2 50 @ 3 50  
Timothy Seed, 2 50 @ 3 50  
Herd's Grass, 1 00 @ 0 00  
Orchard Grass, 1 00 @ 0 00  
Kentucky Blue Grass, 1 00 @ 0 00  
Fescue, 1 35 @ 1 40  
Sainfoin, 0 75 @ 1 00  
Plaster, Lump, retail, delivered  
On Cars, 4 75 @ 5 00  
Do Ground, 4 50 @ 5 00  
Gypsum, 58 00 @ 60 00  
Do Elide, 47 50 @ 50 00  
Do Mexican A., 25 00 @ 30 00  
Do Jarvis Island, 40 00 @ 50 00  
Do Manilla, 27 50 @ 30 00  
Super Phosphate of Lime, 27 50 @ 30 00  
Bone Dust, 30 00 @ 40 00  
SALT, Fine, 1 50 @ 2 00  
Do Ground Alum, 0 95 @ 1 00  
Butter, Roll, 15 @ 20  
Do Butter, 10 @ 15  
Bacon, Hog Round, 0 10 @ 0 15  
Pork, 0 11 @ 0 15  
Lard, in Kegs, 0 11 @ 0 15  
Sausage, 1 25 @ 1 50  
Broom Corn, 100 lbs., 4 00 @ 7 00  
Hay, 100 lbs., 0 65 @ 0 80  
Whiskey, 0 24 @ 0 25  
Do, 0 28 @ 0 30

**REMARKS.**—A very brisk business has been more active, with a good demand, but light receipts. Flour has been in better equiry, and prices have steadily advanced, the market closing firm at \$5.45 per bushel for Super; \$5.37 1/2 for Extra, and \$5.38 for Family, according to the brand. In Wheat, we note a continued firmness, and the better qualities have been in brisk demand. Sales on Change yesterday of fair and good wheat at 156 @ 160c., and same quality red wheat at 145 @ 150c. The receipts have fallen off, and the market is consequently little better than yesterday. There has been an excellent demand for Corn, principally for milling purposes, and prices have been well sustained. We quote sales of white at 80c.; yellow 80c., and mixed at 78c. In Rye, there has been a continued business, owing to light receipts, and prices are firm at 82 @ 84c. In Clover there is an advance, and yesterday it was quoted at \$2.50 @ \$3.50. Business in the Grocery market is fair, but not so brisk as last week. The market for Sugar is less active, and prices are lower in favor of buyers, having been given away. Molasses firm at last week's quotations. Coffee are firm; Rio has a further advancing tendency. The stocks in first hands are limited. Rice is steady at 41 @ 42c., a decline of 4c. since last week. We have no change in the market. Liquors are steady.—Rectified Whiskey 25 @ 30c. The market is well supplied with Tobacco, and prices are about as quoted last week. Plaster is in limited supply, but we note a decline in prices, and now quote lump, retail delivered, at \$4.75 @ \$5.00. Ground Plaster is in demand, provisions are fair and unchanged. Lard dull at 11 @ 11 1/2. White Beans \$1.12 @ \$1.25, and dull. Fertilizers are coming into brisk demand, and sales to a considerable extent have already been made. A very brisk business is expected, and our dealers are prepared to meet the largest demands. Alexandria is now acknowledged to be one of the best markets for Fertilizers in the country, and her trade in Guano, &c., is yearly increasing. Farmers are buying in great quantities to purchase here. Leather—Oak sole 28 @ 30c.; Red sole 20 @ 23c.; Rough skirting 25 @ 28c.; Finished skirting 30 @ 32c. Freight is inactive, and rates nominally as follows:—Per ton \$2.35; Boston \$2.10; New York \$1.87; New England \$1.87; New York \$1.50; New York \$1.50; Philadelphia \$1.50; and other ports in proportion.

**Alexandria Fish Market, April 20.**  
There was a marked increase in the arrival of fish to-day, but the supply is not adequate to meet the demand, and prices keep up. Upwards of 200,000 herrings and 15,000 shad were brought to-day from the lower landings, and sold at 12 1/2 @ 15 per hundred for shad, and 12 @ 13 1/2 for herring. Buck fish—Rock and Perch are also more abundant, but in prices there is no decline, and 17 @ 20c. per bunch was readily obtained.

**Georgetown Cattle Market, April 20.**  
[When the steamer "St. Lawrence" arrived, 150 of which were sold to retail butchers, at prices ranging from \$3.50 @ \$5.25 gross, equal to \$7 @ \$9 net, and averaging \$4.75 gross. The remaining 100 head over and driven to Baltimore.

**Sheep.**—Number offered 325, sold at \$4.50 @ \$5.25 gross.  
Hogs from \$7.75 @ \$8.25 net.

**The Markets.**  
BALTIMORE, April 20.—Flour closed steady; Howard street \$6.12. Wheat closed firm; white \$1.65 @ \$1.75; red \$1.45 @ \$1.50. Corn closed firm; white \$1.74 @ \$1.76; yellow \$1.73 @ \$1.75. Provisions closed dull; mess pork \$17.87; prime \$15.00; lard \$14; bacon sides \$9. Whiskey closed quiet at \$22.00.

**New York, April 20.**—Cotton closed quiet; sales of 900 bales. Flour closed firm; sales of 15,000 bbls.; State \$5.27 @ \$5.35; Ohio \$5.6 @ \$5.65. Southern \$5.20 @ \$5.30. Wheat closed quiet; sales of 5,500 bush. Western \$1.60 @ \$1.65c. Corn closed firm; sales of 21,000 bush; mixed \$1.24 @ \$1.26. Pork closed buoyant; mess \$12.87 @ \$14.62. Lard closed steady at 10 @ 10 1/2. Whiskey closed firm at \$21.50. Sugar closed buoyant, and with an advance of 1/2c. Sugar \$46 @ 47c. Stocks active but variable. Comberland Coal Co. 14 1/2; Va. 6 1/2 @ 6 3/4; Mo. 6 1/4 @ 6 1/2.

**POTATOES.**—Merch and Peach Blow POTATOES, just received and for sale by WM. H. FOWLE & SON.

## CONGRESS.

[REPORTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.]

Senate, Friday, April 20.

The Senate was not in session to-day.

House of Representatives.

Mr. Crawford was satisfied no quorum was present, and he therefore moved that the House adjourn until Tuesday next. He objected to any business transacted in the absence of a quorum.

Mr. Houston said that as the House had yesterday refused to adjourn until the 30th inst., he was disposed to remain here and do something. They could pass on such bills as were based on official estimates, and about which there was no controversy.

The question was taken by yeas and nays on the 25th, yeas 94.

Mr. Winslow moved that when the House adjourn to-day, it be to meet on Monday next; agreed to.

It was ordered that, in compliance with the request of the Senate, a Committee of Conference be appointed on the disagreeing amendments of the two Houses, to the bill authorizing the Corporation of Washington to make a loan for the construction of a new market house.

The Private Calendar being taken up, occupied the attention of the House for some time, and numerous bills having passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the same Calendar, (Mr. Winslow, of N. C., in the Chair.)

A bill for the relief of C. M. Clay (to reimburse him the amount of certain judgments obtained against him for breaking open a House in Kentucky, to arrest certain deserters, during the Mexican war, as also to pay for sundry losses sustained by him in Mexico,) was taken up, and led to a prolonged discussion.

The Committee finally rose, and having reported the bill to the House, the previous question upon it was demanded, and the bill informally passed over.

Mr. Burlingame, of Mass., introduced a preamble and resolution, reciting that, Whereas the Kingdom of Saxony had risen to the rank of first-class Power, and was the only Constitutional government in Southern Europe, therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be directed to report upon the propriety of raising to the rank of a full mission the American diplomatic relations with that Kingdom.

Mr. Garnett, of Va., objected, saying that the form of government was no reason for a change in the character of the mission.

Mr. Burlingame then withdrew the preamble, and the resolution was agreed to.

The House then, at 4 1/2 o'clock, adjourned.

**Letter from Ex-Gov. Wise.**  
WASHINGTON CITY,  
April 18, 1860.

To NAT. TYLER, ESQ.:  
MY DEAR SIR:—I have been requested to meet a number of my friends, delegates to Charleston, at Richmond, on the 19th inst. Determining not to do so, for obvious reasons, I have come to this city for family purposes alone, on my way to attend to professional duties in Accomac. Yet my sense of duty to my friends requires me not to leave them without my aid, as far as I am in my power, to relieve them from all embarrassment, in respect to my name at all, in the Charleston Convention.

The division of sentiment in Virginia, I fear, may tend to destroy the unity of the Democratic party in the State. And nothing which I can do shall be omitted to prevent such a deplorable result in the present distracted state of the country.

I was anxious to have a fair and full expression of the preference of Virginia. Whether that has been done or not, it is not proper now to discuss; because the delegates who have been chosen, and their action, have to declare that preference, and they are in advance. Whether the voice of the State has been truly expressed or not, I hesitate not to admit that its preference has not been declared for me; and I would not claim it where there was the least ground of cavil or mistake. Whoever else the preference has been expressed for, it has not been expressed for me. Without the voice of Virginia, clearly and indisputably declared for me, I decline to allow my name to be presented primarily before the Convention for a nomination, in respect to my name, to be continued in. In no event and I willing that I shall cause any division of the vote of our delegation. I beg my friends, therefore, not to offer my name, but to unite cordially with the majority of the delegation, and to present the vote of the State a unit before the Convention. I request them, too, to do this in good faith, without exacting any alternate pledges whatever. Let Virginia be a unit as to the nomination, let her adhere to her constitutional principles, unit or not, and let the harmony of the State be preserved. This I shall have to say to my friends, and I trust it will not only disembarass them, but free me from the unjust imputation of designing or desiring to distract or divide the Democracy.

authorized to announce to them, and to publish to the world.

Very sincerely, yours,  
HENRY A. WISE.

**ONE DAY LATER FROM EUROPE.**  
PORTLAND, April 19.—The steamer North America arrived here this evening. She left Liverpool on the 5th instant, having advised one day later.

**INDIA AND CHINA.**—Shocking revelations in reference to the coolie trade at the southern ports of China have come to light. The information was derived through the deposition of one hundred and five men taken from coolie receiving ships, and an inquiry having been ordered by the commander in chief of the allied forces. Three coolie ships, two American and one Oldenburg bark, were examined. The coolies had been kidnapped and a nominal consent to an eight years' engagement in Cuba wrung from them by terrible modes of torture.

**ENGLAND.**—Louis Blanc had made a most successful debut as a public lecturer in England.

**ITALY.**—NAPLES, April 4th.—Some factious persons attacked the government troops at Palermo, but they were quickly dispersed, and the city remained tranquil.

**SPAIN.**—In reference to the recent revolutionary movement in Spain, it appears that the General Ortega had deceived them to the object of his movement, they refused to march with the cry of "Vive la Reina." Ortega fled, pursued by his own troops, and it was hoped that he would be captured. The troops he had misled made their submission at once to the Queen, and perfect tranquility prevailed throughout the country. All the Deputies at Madrid had presented an address to the Queen.

**SWITZERLAND.**—The national council, by a vote of 100 against 3, and the council of State unanimously, voted to grant the extraordinary powers demanded by the federal council.

**AUSTRALIA.**—Advices from Sydney of February 7th state that great floods on the rivers had destroyed much property.

**COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.**—The cotton sales of the week were 40,000 bales. Prices had slightly declined, particularly in inferior grades, which were difficult to sell. The stock in port reached 900,000 bales, including 731,000 of American. Broadstuffs and provisions were quiet and generally unchanged. Sugar had declined 3d. @ 6c. Cane 1/4 @ 1/2.

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## LOCAL ITEMS.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION.**—The scholars of Christ Church Sunday School held their annual celebration at the church yesterday afternoon. The exercises were of a most interesting character, and were witnessed by a large concourse of the parents and friends of the scholars. The address was delivered by Rev. G. H. Norton, in the absence of Rev. Dr. Butler, of Washington, who was expected to be present. The offerings were presented with beautiful designs, mottoes, or texts of scriptures. A full account of the celebration will appear in our next.

**TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION.**—The regular meeting of the Alexandria Teacher's Association is to be held this afternoon, at 2 o'clock at the Alexandria Library. The announcement of a meeting last Saturday, arose from the natural mistake of forgetting that the third Saturday of the month was the day of the meeting. The exercises of today, will consist of remarks on the best method of teaching Notation, Numeration, Addition, and Subtraction by two gentlemen and a lady who have been selected for that purpose.

**WASHINGTON ITEMS.**—The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, we are glad to learn from the report of the General Superintendent, suffered from the late fresh no more damage at all points than one thousand dollars will suffice to repair. The consequence is no obstruction to navigation.

[A letter from Baltimore, dated yesterday afternoon, says that at Dam No. 4 about three hundred feet of the embankment has been carried away, and that about three weeks will be required to make the repairs, provided funds can be had for the purpose.]

**MAJOR BERRET** left Washington by the Southern boat yesterday morning for Charleston, to attend the Democratic National Convention. During his temporary absence the duties of his office devolve upon W. T. Dove, esq., President of the Board of Aldermen.

**THE MEETING** at Potomac Hall, on the Island, last evening, to elect delegates from the Seventh Ward to the City Convention, was the only one of the kind, and was attended by a large number of delegates.

It is understood that the Supreme Court of the United States has just made a decision having a very important bearing upon a large amount of property in the District. It has been claimed that the corporation tax sales of real estate under the charter of 1820 were not valid, because the corporation did not first proceed against the personal effects of the delinquents. The Circuit Court having so decided against the corporation, the case was carried to the Supreme Court, where the right of the corporation to select either personal or real property, is now sustained.

**RAISED.**—The schooner Chalcidion, which sunk off Lower Cedar Point, last week, has been raised, and was brought up to this city, on Thursday night last, in tow of the steam tug Tempest, supported by means of spars laid across the schooners of Captains Jones and Simms. The injured vessel will be hauled up and repaired at the ship-yard of the Messrs. Hunter.

**HEAVY TRANSPORT OF SILVER.**—Thirty kegs of silver (a general transfer) came to New York from New Orleans, passed through this city yesterday morning in charge of the Adams Express Company. It came through by the new route, in three days to this city.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL EXHIBITION.**—The children of St. Mary's Sunday School, are in active preparation for their annual exhibition which is to come off about the 1st of May, and which they wish to render as attractive as possible, to the large audience which always patronizes them.

**MUSIC.**—We have received from Mr. Partridge, of New York, a beautiful collection of Music, for the piano, "Moon Beams," written and composed by Mrs. Dr. Byrne, of St. Louis." Mr. P. has on hand all the new Music.

**COUNTERFEIT.**—Counterfeit five dollar bills, on the Central Bank of Virginia, at Staunton, are in circulation. They are well executed and are calculated to deceive unless carefully scrutinized.

**COUNTY COURT.**—Mr. C. T. Whittington has been assigned a temporary station at the Clerk's office of the County Court, and not appointed a Deputy Clerk as stated some days since.

**HARPER'S MAGAZINE.**—From Mr. George E. French, 104, King street, we have received the May number of Harper's Magazine, a most interesting number of this excellent Periodical.

**THE POST OFFICE.**—During the quarter ending March 31st, the business of the Alexandria Post Office has been larger than during any quarter since the mails began to arrive here.

**SHIP LETTERS.**—The Brig Loni, Captain Travers, from Barbadoes to this port, brought in three hundred ship letters from that Island for various points in the United States.

**SALE OF AUCTION.**—For sales at auction, this day, see fourth page of Daily Gazette.

**Alexandria Cattle Market, April 20.**  
[Reported by J. Richard Smith, Live Stock Agent.]  
DEER CATTLE.—Offerings limited.—prices ranging from \$3.75 to \$5.25 gross, equal to \$7.00 @ \$9.00 net, and averaging \$4.50 gross.  
Hogs from \$7.75 to \$8.50 @ 100 lbs. net.  
Cows and Calves from \$2.00 to \$10.00 head.  
VEAL CALVES from \$4 to \$5.50 @ 100 lbs.

**Alexandria Fish Market.**  
The Fuel market is active. Wood—Oak and Hickory mixed, \$2.25 @ \$2.50. Pine, \$2.50 @ \$2.75; Hickory, \$4.75 @ \$4.84. Cumberland Coal is steady. We quote Lump at \$5.00; Run of Mine, \$4.50; and Fine, \$4.00. Anthracite is in good supply, and we continue to quote White Ash at \$6.00, and Red Ash \$5.25 @ 50c. delivered.

**FOR BALTIMORE.**—The steamer DIAMOND STATE will receive cargo for Baltimore, on Saturday, (this day) leaving at 2 o'clock, P. M.

**HANDS LINE.**—FOR PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK. The regular packet steamer S. SEYMOUR, Capt. Palmer, will leave on Saturday, 21st inst.

**WM. H. FOWLE & SON.**  
No. 4 South Wharves.

**HOOP SKIRTS! HOOP SKIRTS!**—A new kind, received this day, and for sale at advance prices, elegant 20 spring Skirts for 75c. For children, in all sizes at 25c. etc.

**BONNETS, MILLINERY, AND BONNETS** is the great talk of the day. They are in the latest style, and at an extremely low price, to be found at H. SCHWARTZ'S.

**H. T. HELMBOLD'S** highly Concentrated Fluid Extract of Bala, just received, and for sale by J. R. PIERPOINT, No. 172, King-street.

**HOLLOWAY'S WORM CONFECTIONS**, most pleasant and effectual Worm Medicine now in use, just received, and for sale by J. R. PIERPOINT, No. 172, King-street.

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## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held on Wednesday evening, April 18th, 1860, there were present, Messrs. Kinzer, Barton, Simpson, Armstrong, Cazenove, and Reid.

The President being absent, Mr. Reid was elected President pro tem.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, the report of the Committee on Claims laid on the table at the last meeting, was taken up. The Committee reported, in favor of the claims of Messrs. Duffell, Calmus, and Brent, and adversely to the petition of Mr. R. J. Lackey—all of which were adopted.

The following papers were received from the Common Council, and in relation, occurred in fact, the Alms-house on the 25th day of this month. Passed.

A communication from the Auditor enclosing estimates of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending 1861. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of the Committee on Public Property relative to building a new shed in the market square. Adopted.

An act to amend the curb stones to be reset and gutters paved with brick, in front of the dwellings of Dr. M. M. Lewis, and Messrs. E. Snowden, Jr., and A. Jamieson. Passed.

Order—requiring the Clerk of the Common Council to advertise and sell property for the payment of taxes. Passed.

A communication from Lewis McKenzie, esq., enclosing an act passed by the General Assembly, amending the City Charter. Referred to the Committee on General Laws.

Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department in regard to hose, with the accompanying plan. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A communication from the Trustees of the Poor, showing the amount of their indebtedness for the year ending April 1st, 1860. Referred to the Committee on the Poor.

Claim of Mr. Chesler for rent of room for the purpose of holding an election on the 6th of March last. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Order—requiring the Superintendent of Police to lay down a footway across Union, on the north side of Duke street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Order requiring the Superintendent of Police to place a flag foot-way across Wolfe street, on the west side of Washington street, referred to the Committee on Streets.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Police have the drain at the south end of the city, through the marsh, opened, and two surface drains dug across the said marsh, leading into the main drain referred to the Committee on Streets by the Common Council, and their action concurred in by the following vote—Mr. Armstrong calling for the yeas and nays.

Yeas—Messrs. Reid, Kinzer, Barton, Simpson, and Armstrong—5.  
Nays—Mr. Cazenove—1.

The same committee reported in favor of instructing the Superintendent of Police to lay down a flag footway across the west side of Gilboa, at its intersection with Water street, and adversely to laying a footway across Water, on the north side of Duke street. Aye—5. No—1.

The resolution relative to the communication of R. H. Miller, laid on the table at the last meeting, was taken up, and the action of the Common Council concurred in.

The Committee on Public Property reported in favor of repairing the fence enclosing the Public Cemetery, which was laid on the table.

A message was received from the Common Council, in relation to the claim of Mr. Geo. Duffell, for the claim of Mr. Geo. Duffell.

On motion, that portion of the report of the Committee on Claims relative to the claim of Mr. Duffell, was laid on the table.

The Board then adjourned.

**IN COMMON COUNCIL.**  
At a called meeting of the Common Council of Alexandria, held April 18th, 1860, there were present, Wm. D. Massey, esq., President, Messrs. Whittington, Harper, McVeigh, Booth, Jamieson, McKenzie, Snow, Snowden, Ashby, and Hollowell.

A message was received from the Board of Aldermen that they had adopted a report of the Committee on Claims adverse to the application of R. J. Lackey for abatement in the assessment of his property at the intersection of King and Union streets.

On motion, this Board concurred.

Also, a report of the same Committee on the application of Major Duffell for abatement of his property tax, recommending that the abatement be made.

Also, a report of the same Committee on the application of Joe Cal, esq., for abatement of his license tax, and lay on the table.

Ordered, That the Auditor issue his warrant in favor of Joseph Calmus for \$2, being an over charge on the license tax.

This Board refused to concur.

The Board and also passed the following order, reported by the same Committee, to whom the bill of G. W. Brent, esq., Attorney, had been referred: Ordered, That the Auditor issue his warrant in favor of G. W. Brent, Attorney, for one hundred and three dollars and twenty-three cents, for professional services.

On motion, this Board concurred.

On motion of Mr. Snow, the following order was referred to the Committee on Streets: Ordered, That the Superintendent of Police have the drain at the south end of the city, through the marsh, opened, and two surface drains dug across the said marsh, leading into the main drain referred to the Committee on Streets by the Common Council, and their action concurred in by the following vote—Mr. Armstrong calling for the yeas and nays.

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